

Amendment No. 2 to HB0447

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1773

House Bill No. 447*

by deleting Section 6 of the bill as amended and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 6. No later than October 1 of the year after the demonstration program is begun under Section 4 of this act, the department shall submit to the governor, the senate general welfare committee, the house committee on children and family affairs, and the select committee on children and youth a report on the first full year of the demonstration program. No later than October 1 of the next year and each year thereafter until this act is implemented in all areas of the state, the department shall provide an annual report evaluating the demonstration project to the same parties. Upon request, all persons and groups to whom the annual report is distributed shall be entitled to receive a detailed explanation of the procedures used to evaluate the system and shall be given the raw data used to support the report. Outcomes to be evaluated in each of these reports shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) The safety of children under the program compared with children served under title 37, chapter 1, part 4 and title 37, chapter 1, part 6, in light of the following and other factors that may provide useful information about the effectiveness of the program for its purposes:

(A) The number of cases processed under the program by types of risks and needs addressed;

(B) The number of cases referred for proceedings under title 37, chapter 1, by type;

(C) The number of final dispositions of cases in the current reporting year by disposition as follows:

(i) Closed on initial review;

(ii) Closed after assessment;

(iii) Closed after assessment and referral for available community-based public or private services;

(iv) Numbers and types of cases in which the department proceeded under title 37, chapter 1, after the initial review; and

(v) Numbers and types of cases in which there were reports of harm or sexual abuse under title 37, chapter 1, part 4 or title 37, chapter 1, part 6, with respect to children in a family considered or served under this part.

(D) The extent to which the program has reduced the incidence of children who are subjected to harm or sexual abuse that would require a report under title 37, chapter 1, part 4 or title 37, chapter 1, part 6, or who otherwise would become eligible for services under title 37, chapter 1.

(E) Estimates as to the risk of future harm or sexual abuse to children with respect to whom reports of harm or sexual abuse were determined not to show there had been harm or sexual abuse or to have been invalid.

(F) The type and amount of community-based public or private services received by families.

(2) The timeliness of response by the department under the program;

(3) The timeliness of services provided to children and families under the program;

(4) The level of coordination with public and private community-based service providers to ensure community-based services are available to the public through the program;

(5) The cost effectiveness of the program with respect to the department, available community-based public and private service resources, and law enforcement

and judiciary resources that might otherwise have become involved in the cases; and

(6) The effectiveness of the program in enhancing the welfare of children and keeping families together.

Upon implementation of the multi-level response system in any area, the department shall ensure that all data necessary for compliance with this section is collected and maintained.